

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An air bag apparatus for a vehicle ~~[[,]]~~ comprising:
an air bag body including a first inflatable chamber and a second inflatable chamber,
each of the first and second inflatable chambers being arranged to be positioned along a roof
side rail ~~(10) of the vehicle~~ in a front to rear direction of ~~a vehicle~~, the vehicle so that the first
inflatable chamber ~~being situated adjacent to~~ overlies a pillar member ~~of in~~ the vehicle and
the second inflatable chamber overlies a side window of the vehicle; and
a fluid supply delay device attached to the airbag body, ~~for delaying supply of the~~
fluid supply delay device including a duct having a first outlet port communicating with a
first inlet port of the first inflatable chamber and a second outlet port communicating with a
second inlet port of the second inflatable chamber, the first outlet port having an opening area
smaller than that of the second outlet port so as to reduce a flow rate of a high-pressure fluid
supplied to the first inflatable chamber as compared to that of the high-pressure fluid supplied
to the second inflatable chamber so that the second inflatable chamber is fully inflated to
overlie the side window of the vehicle before the first inflatable chamber is fully inflated to
overlie the pillar of the vehicle.
2. (Currently Amended) The air bag apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
the air bag body is folded in an upward direction in a normal state, each of the first
inflatable chamber and the second inflatable chamber being inflated with the high-pressure
fluid supplied to the airbag body in an emergency state so that each of the first inflatable

chamber and the inflatable second chamber deploys in a downward direction along a side wall of the vehicle.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) The An air bag apparatus ~~according to claim 1,~~
~~wherein~~ for a vehicle comprising:

an air bag body including

a first inflatable chamber having a first inlet port and a first closed end opposite

the first inlet port,

a second inflatable chamber having a second inlet port and a second closed end

opposite the second inlet port, and

a passage communicating with the first inlet port of the first inflatable chamber

and the second inlet port of the second inflatable chamber,

each of the first and second inflatable chambers being arranged to be positioned

along a roof side rail of the vehicle in a front to rear direction of the vehicle

so that the first inflatable chamber overlies a pillar member of the vehicle

and the second inflatable chamber overlies a side window of the vehicle; and

a fluid supply delay device attached to the airbag body, the fluid supply delay device includes a passage ~~communicating with a first inlet port of the first chamber and a second inlet port of the second chamber,~~ and a duct inserted onto the passage, and the duct having an first outlet port ~~communicating with the first inlet port and a second outlet port~~ communicating directly with the second inlet port, the duct being free of an first outlet port that directly communicates a high-pressure fluid supplied to the duct being closed so that the high-pressure fluid is supplied indirectly to the first inflatable chamber only through the

passage to reduce a flow rate of the high-pressure supplied to the first inflatable chamber as compared to that of the high-pressure fluid supplied to the second inflatable chamber so that the second inflatable chamber is fully inflated to overlie the side window of the vehicle before the first inflatable chamber is fully inflated to overlie the pillar of the vehicle.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~An~~ air bag apparatus according to claim 1, wherein further comprises

~~the air bag comprises an air bag body; an inflator means; the inflator means in fluid communication with the air bag body,~~
~~and a fluid supply delay means; the air bag body comprises a plurality of inflatable chambers, wherein each of the inflatable chambers comprises a fluid inlet port, the plurality of inflatable chambers comprises at least one specific chamber and at least one general chamber, when in the deployed state the at least one specific chamber is positioned adjacent to a pillar member of a vehicle side portion of the vehicle body and the at least one general chamber is located adjacent to a side wall of the vehicle side portion, when in use, the inflator means supplies a high pressure fluid to the air bag body thereby inflating each of the plurality of inflatable chambers and the fluid supply delay means selectively delays the supply of the high pressure fluid to the at least one specific chamber relative to the at least one general chamber.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The air bag apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the duct includes fluid supply delay means comprises a flexible duct member with the first and second ~~the duct member comprising a plurality of fluid outlet ports, which fluid outlet ports communicate with the fluid inlet port on of each of the plurality of inflatable chambers.~~

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The air bag apparatus according to claim 5, wherein

~~An air bag apparatus adapted so as to be suitably located along the front to rear axis of an interior roof side rail on a vehicle body, the air bag apparatus comprising: an air bag body; an inflator means being in fluid communication with the air bag body; and a fluid supply delay means located between the inflator means and the air bag body, the air bag body comprising a plurality of inflatable chambers defined along the front to rear axis of the vehicle body, each of the inflatable chambers comprising a fluid inlet port, the plurality of inflatable chambers comprising at least one specific chamber and at least one general chamber, wherein when in the deployed state the at least one specific chamber is positioned adjacent to a pillar member of a vehicle side portion of the vehicle body and when in the deployed state the at least one general chamber is located adjacent to a side wall of the vehicle side portion,~~

the air bag body is being stowed in an upward direction when in an undeployed state, upon deployment, the inflator is configured to supply the means supplies a high-pressure fluid to the air bag body thereby inflating each of the first and second plurality of inflatable chambers in the downward direction along the side portion of the vehicle body, ~~and the fluid supply delay means selectively delays the supply of the high-pressure fluid to the at least one specific chamber relative to the at least one general chamber.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The air bag apparatus of according to claim 9, wherein

the air bag body comprises an elongate passage, the elongate passage being in fluid communication with first and second ~~the plurality of~~ inflatable chambers, and wherein the elongate passage is being adapted to receive the fluid supply delay ~~means~~ device.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The air bag apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the air bag body is made from a fabric material.

15. (Previously Presented) The air bag apparatus ~~of~~ according to claim 14, wherein the air bag body is made from canvas.

16. (Previously Presented) The air bag apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the high-pressure fluid is a gas.

17. (Previously Presented) A motor vehicle comprising an air bag apparatus according to claim 1.

18. (Currently Amended) An air bag apparatus comprising:
a vehicle body including at least an interior roof side rail, a pillar and a side window;

~~an air bag body adapted so as to be suitably located along the front to rear axis of an interior roof side rail, on a vehicle body, the air bag apparatus comprising: an~~ the air bag body including a first inflatable chamber and a second inflatable chamber, each of the first and second inflatable chambers being arranged to be positioned along a roof side rail of the vehicle in a front to rear direction of the vehicle so that the first inflatable chamber overlies the pillar member and the second inflatable chamber overlies the side window;

an inflator being in fluid communication with the air bag body; and

a fluid supply delay device arrangement located between the inflator and the air bag body, the fluid supply delay device including a duct having a first outlet port communicating with a first inlet port of the first inflatable chamber and a second outlet port communicating with a second inlet port of the second inflatable chamber, the first outlet port having an opening area smaller than that of the second outlet port so as to reduce a flow rate of a high-pressure fluid supplied to the first inflatable chamber as compared to that of the high-pressure fluid supplied to the second inflatable chamber so that the second inflatable chamber is fully inflated to overlie the side window before the first inflatable chamber is fully inflated to overlie the pillar.

~~the air bag body comprising a plurality of inflatable chambers defined along the front to rear axis of the vehicle body, wherein each of the inflatable chambers comprises a fluid inlet port, the plurality of inflatable chambers comprising at least one specific chamber and at least one general chamber, when in the deployed state the at least one specific chamber is positioned adjacent to a pillar member of a vehicle side portion of the vehicle body and when in the deployed state the at least one general chamber is located adjacent to a side wall of the vehicle side portion, the air bag body being stowed in an upward direction when in an undeployed state, upon deployment, the inflator supplies a high pressure fluid to the air bag body thereby inflating each of the plurality of chambers in the downward direction along the~~

~~side portion of the vehicle body, and the fluid supply delay arrangement selectively delays the supply of the high pressure fluid to the at least one specific chamber relative to the at least one general chamber.~~

19. (Currently Amended) The air bag apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the air bag body comprises an elongate passage, ~~the elongate passage being in fluid communication with the first and second plurality of inflatable chambers, and the elongate passage is adapted to receive the fluid supply delay device arrangement.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The air bag apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the fluid supply delay device arrangement comprises a flexible duct member, the duct member comprising a plurality of fluid outlet ports, which fluid outlet ports communicate with the fluid inlet port on of each of the plurality of inflatable chambers.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The air bag apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the air bag body is made from a fabric material.

24. (Previously Presented) The air bag apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the air bag body is made from canvas.

25. (Previously Presented) The air bag apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the high-pressure fluid is a gas.

- 26. (Cancelled)
- 27. (Cancelled)
- 28. (Cancelled)
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